

MINUTES

Eugene City Council
Harris Hall, 125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401

May 27, 2014
5:30 p.m.

Councilors Present: George Brown, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, George Poling, Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor

Mayor Piercy called the May 27, 2014, City Council work session to order.

A. WORK SESSION: Climate Recovery Proposal

City of Eugene Climate and Energy Analyst Matt McRae gave a PowerPoint presentation with background information and context on the climate recovery ordinance.

Council Discussion:

- Very important and salient issue of our time.
- Community supports action on this issue.
- Concern expressed about requiring action by businesses not located within the city.
- More information on enforcement plans and associated costs needed.
- Proposal builds on the City's Climate and Energy Action Plan and Triple Bottom Line efforts.
- Very interested to see how the City will cut all flight at the airport by half.

MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Zelenka, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct the City Manager to draft an ordinance and schedule a public hearing on July 21st based on the Climate Recovery proposal. (A friendly amendment to specify "greenhouse gas reduction projects and programs" rather than "carbon offset mechanisms" was accepted.)
PASSED 7:1, Councilor Clark opposed.

B. ACTION: South Willamette Street Improvement Plan

City of Eugene Transportation Planning Engineer Chris Henry gave background information and answers to questions from the public hearing on the South Willamette Street Improvement Plan.

Council discussion:

- Consideration of multiple access points along South Willamette needed.
- Only way to dispel fears/generate relevant data is to conduct a test.
- Clarification needed that test costs are only a fraction of the overall costs for either option.
- Important to engage and work with small businesses that will be affected.
- Important to ensure streets are accessible to as many people as possible.
- City has a commitment to construct complete streets.

MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to accept the South Willamette Street Improvement Plan. **PASSED 8:0**

MOTION and VOTE: Councilor Pryor. Seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to direct staff to implement a test of South Willamette Street Improvement Plan street design Alternative #3 (three lanes with bike lanes) and report back with findings after a 12-month test period. **PASSED 5:4**, Councilors Clark, Poling, Taylor, and Evans opposed; Mayor Piercy broke tie in favor.

The work session adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Record

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Mayor Piercy opened the May 27, 2014, City Council meeting.

1. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

In recognition of Memorial Day, Mayor Piercy read an excerpt from President Obama's 2014 Memorial Day proclamation. Councilor Pryor led a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mayor Piercy recognized the Kids to Parks Day essay contest winners.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

1. Gordon Levitt, supported a climate recovery ordinance and offered to help it succeed.
2. Jane Katra, requested a moratorium on new cell phone towers.
3. Cindy Allen, opposed new cell phone towers and asked the City to check permits.
4. Ruben Garcia, opposed the sick leave ordinance; noting people will take advantage of it.
5. Tammie Beer, supported the proposed sick leave ordinance.
6. Jill Davidson, supported efforts to preserve Civic Stadium and create a civic center.
7. Tony Metcalf, opposed the sick leave ordinance.
8. Yair Buendia, supported the sick leave ordinance.
9. Patricia Cortez, supported the sick leave ordinance.
10. Janice Gonzalez-Valera, supported the sick leave ordinance.
11. Yensy Portillo, supported the sick leave ordinance.
12. Ariana Espinoza, supported the sick leave ordinance.
13. Jennifer Adams, said she will reserve judgment on the draft of sick leave ordinance.
14. Brittany Quick-Warner, opposed the sick leave ordinance and the hasty timeline.
15. Barbara Britt, opposed the sick leave ordinance.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilor Brown pulled Item 3C for council discussion.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to approve the remaining items on the Consent Calendar. **PASSED 8:0.**

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved approval of Item 3C on the Consent Calendar. **PASSED 8:0**

4. PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Concerning Prohibited Acts in the Downtown Activity Zone and Amending Section 4.872 of the Eugene Code, 1971.

1. Todd Patopea, supports the proposed ordinance as a positive tool for police.
2. Jean Stacey, opposed the ordinance, saying it is an attempt to keep “uglies” out of downtown.
3. Sparrow RainGarden, opposed the ordinance as unconstitutional.
4. Thomas Pettus-Czar, supported ordinance as a way to help businesses in the area.
5. Sabra Marcroft, opposed the ordinance, noting its enforcement costs.
6. Mariah Leune, opposed the ordinance; noting there is no place for people to go.
7. Heather Marek, opposed the ordinance, saying it is a disservice to Ken Kesey’s legacy.
- 9 Alley Valkyrie, opposed the ordinance and requested more bathrooms downtown.
10. Helen Shepard, opposed the ordinance, noting it will push homeless into neighborhoods.
11. Joe Tyndall, opposed the ordinance, saying the homeless need a place to exist.
12. Kimberly Gladen, supported the ordinance, noting her frustration with conditions downtown.
13. Vickie Nelson, opposed the ordinance and said she has never felt afraid downtown.
14. Dave Hauser, supported the ordinance as an appropriate step forward.
15. Nyla Garner, opposed the ordinance as not in alignment with human rights.

Council discussion:

- Larger conversation needed about the proposal; warrants a work session.
- Laws are needed to address behaviors not conditions.
- Broadway Plaza is not a park, it’s a plaza; a curfew won’t work.
- Support expressed for Portland Loo-style bathrooms.

5. WORK SESSION: Proposed Changes to the Eugene Code Related to Skateboard and Bike Laws

City of Eugene Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator Lee Shoemaker gave background information and criteria for proposed changes.

Council discussion:

- Include university staff in discussions about changes to skateboard and bicycle rules .

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder

